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TO : Chief of State, Salzburg  
 FROM : Chief, ME  
 SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational/PROOFY  
 SPECIFIC - GROSSBAHN - CO-2

DATE: FEB 2 1953

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Reference: SALZ 372, 409, 468, SALZ 921

1. With regard to the security problem brought to light by the SALZ disclosure, we have withheld comment since SALZ-3-09, pending receipt of the preliminary security report on CO-2, since there seemed to be little additional advice to offer from here. However, the study of SALZ-609 brings up a number of new points, and the receipt of SALZ 921 suggests that a report on the interrogation of CO-2 will not much longer be of interest.

2. Of great interest was the letter written by CO-2 to GROSSBAHN (sent in no communication to SALZ 409), as it offered a good insight into CO-2's personality and the working of his mind. We are inclined to agree with the point of view implied in paragraph 2 of SALZ 468 that a campaign of character assassination against CO-2 would not be of appreciable advantage to us, at least as things stand at the present time. Looking at the situation realistically, CO-2 has probably already done as much damage to the GROSSBAHN operation as he is apt or able to do in the future, unless he harbors a very strong grudge against GROSSBAHN and/or our organization. In tendering his resignation to GROSSBAHN in such a way as to give him two months notice, CO-2 seems to wish to bow out gracefully. In the forthcoming interrogation of CO-2, the important thing is to detail him thoroughly as to the extent of his revelations to HUSTLER and possibly others, and also to make him realize that it would be very detrimental to him to make further revelations after departing from GROSSBAHN. However, the foregoing is more easily said than done, especially as CO-2 is eager to leave his present intelligence work with GROSSBAHN, and already feels a sense of hostility towards HUSTLER ("... 'oben' ein gewissen Misstrauen gegen mich bestehen"). Moreover, CO-2 feels closer to HUSTLER than to GROSSBAHN, so it will be extremely difficult to get him to reveal truthfully what he has told HUSTLER. If the parting is bitter, then CO-2 - especially if he goes off to Germany - will probably not hesitate to talk, even though GROSSBAHN may threaten to reveal his various indiscretions. The interrogation of CO-2, even though difficult, is very important, and we wish the undertaking the best of luck.

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COORDINATING OFFICER

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